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Indiana Winter Wheat Production

Indiana wheat growers continue to expect a higher wheat yield in 2020 than in 2019, though yields are expected to be less than last month, according to the USDA NASS Great Lakes Regional Office.

Wheat production in the State is expected to be 19.2 million bushels. The yield forecast of 71 bushels per acre is up 9 bushels per acre from 2019, though is down 3 bushels from last month's estimate. As of May 31, the crop was rated 64 percent good to excellent. While at the same point in 2019, the crop was rated 53 percent good to excellent.

U.S. winter wheat production is forecast at 1.27 billion bushels, up 1 percent from the May 1 forecast but down 3 percent from 2019. As of June 1, the United States yield is forecast at 52.1 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from last month but down 1.5 bushels from last year's average yield of 53.6 bushels per acre. As of May 31, fifty-one percent of the winter wheat acreage in the 18 major producing States was rated in good to excellent condition, 13 percentage points lower than at the same time last year. Nationally, 77 percent of the winter wheat crop was headed by May 31, four percentage points lower than the 5-year average pace. If realized, the 2020 United States winter wheat yield will be the third highest on record.

Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production by Crop – Indiana and United States: 2019 - 2020

Commodity	Indiana		United States	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Wheat, winter				
Planted 1,000 acres	330	340	31,159	30,775
Harvested 1,000 acres	260	270	24,327	24,275
Yield Bushels	62.0	71.0	53.6	52.1
Production 1,000 bu	16,120	19,170	1,304,003	1,265,700

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